

I support media diversity

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules. Control of our airwaves is at the heart of our democracy. Over the past 20 years we have already seen the diversity of news sources and opinion shrink. We, Democracy cannot afford greater consolidation of media in the hands of the rich and powerful.

\*I strongly believe that the FCC should retain all of the current media ownership rules now in question. These rules serve the public interest by limiting the market power of already huge companies in the broadcast industry.

\*I strongly urge the FCC to hold hearings around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process.

Thank you,

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